



Skiing in the summertime at Park City's alpine slide



Touching live stingrays at the Living Planet Aquarium Preview Exhibit, Sandy



The new Elephant Encounter at Utah's Hogle Zoo, Salt Lake City





Workers apply the finishing touches to the centerpiece of Oaden's Treehouse Museum

Utah is the perfect place for the family! Come play in Utah's natural playground of State and National Parks, mountain resorts, whitewater rivers, fishing lakes and streams and the coolest rock formations on the planet! Or if your youthful interests lie beyond Utah's earthen adventures, explore the best dinosaur museums in the world, amusement and water parks, zoos and resorts. Utah is all about kids.

PLANETARIUMS, AQUARIUMS, AND ZOO'S, OH MY!

Clark Planetarium: See what's out there at Clark Planetarium. IMAX® Theatre, a Digital Dome Theatre, free interactive space-themed exhibits and one of Utah's largest science stores make it a destination for the whole family.

110 S. 400 W., Salt Lake City

(801) 456-STAR

Open daily year-round

(at The Gateway Shopping Center) www.clarkplanetarium.org

Living Planet Aquarium Preview Exhibit: Come see a blacktip reef shark, a giant octopus, a 100-year-old lobster and other creatures from the deep blue sea. This is a preview of the planned 90,000 square-foot Living Planet Aquarium to be built in downtown Salt Lake City that will house three main exhibits including Tropical Pacific Coral Reef, Amazon Rain Forest and Utah's Rivers, Lakes and Streams.

700 E. 10600 S., Salt Lake City www.thelivingplanet.com (801) 355-3474 Open daily year-round

Tracy Aviary maintains a collection of over 400 birds representing about 135 species. Come see the new \$1.1 million Destination Argentinal exhibit and flamingos, guira kookoos, red crested cardinals, elegant crested tinamou and the always playful monk parakeets.

589 East 1300 South, Salt Lake City

(801) 322-BIRD

Open daily year-round

(Southwest corner of Liberty Park) www.tracyaviary.org

Utah's Hogle Zoo: Who knew you could find Elephants and Tigers in the Salt Lake Valley? Jump on the Zoofari Express and discover animals from all over the world taking up residence in Salt Lake.

2600 Sunnyside Avenue, Salt Lake City www.hoglezoo.org (801) 582-1631 Open daily year-round

MUSEUMS AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

American West Heritage Center: Experience Utah's past while having fun participating in hands-on activities in this 160-acre living museum of American history.

4025 South Hwy. 89-91, Wellsville

(800) 225-FEST

Open Mon-Sat,

www.awhc.org

Memorial to Labor Day

Children's Museum of Utah: A hands-on discovery program for kids of all ages, including a kidsized grocery store, Nine Mile Canyon and Color Factory.

840 N. 300 W., Salt Lake City www.childmuseum.org Open year-round Mon-Sat

Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum: This new,

state of the art museum hosts giant dinosaur skeletons, a rock wall and small ravine where visitors may try to distinguish fossils from among the debris, a dig site simulation, fossil lab and new outdoor dinosaur garden.

496 East Main Street, Vernal www.stateparks.utah.gov (435) 789-3799 Open daily year-round

Hill Aerospace Museum houses one of the largest collections of vintage aircraft in the country. Guided tours engage visitors with factual stories of the planes and the pilots who flew them.

7961 Wardleigh Rd, Hill AFB www.hill.af.mil/museum (801) 777-6868 Open daily year-round

Tree House Museum: Step into a story and become a lifelong reader in this interactive and educational children's museum.

347 22nd Street, Ogden www.treehousemuseum.org (801) 394-9663 Open year-round Mon-Sat

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Lagoon Amusement Park's "Spider" coaster, Farmington



The "Rattlesnake Rapids" at Lagoon



Pterodactyls loom over Ogden's Eccles Dinosaur Park



Heber Valley Historic Railroad steams down Provo Canyon



Racing down the 40-foot waterslides at Salt Lake's Raging Waters

Museum of Ancient Life at Thanksgiving Point: Explore the world's largest collection of mounted dinosaur skeletons, or check out dino-themed 3D movies on the giant six story Xango Screen. Fifty kidfriendly, hands-on displays allow guests to touch actual fossils and feel real dinosaur eggs.

3003 North Thanksgiving Way, Lehi www.thanksgivingpoint.com/museum (888) 672-6040 Open year-round Mon-Sat

Ogden's George S. Eccles Dinosaur Park: This eight-acre outdoor museum is unique in its exhibition of full-bodied creatures of the Dinosaur Age. See and hear over 125 prehistoric crawlers, predators, marine creatures and flying reptiles dating from the Permian through Cretaceous periods.

1544 East Park Boulevard, Odden www.dinosaurpark.org

(801) 393-DINO Open daily throuhgout most of year

AMUSEMENT PARKS AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Alpine Slide and Gorgoza Tubing Park at Park City Mountain Resort: Curl, swirl, dip and dive your way down 550 vertical feet on this 3,000 foot alpine slide track, one of the largest in the world! Or try mini golf, rock climbing or carousel rides. Gorgoza Park off I-80 offers lighted, lift-served tubing and mini snowmobiles.

1310 Lowell Avenue, Park City www.parkcitymountain.com (800) 222-PARK Open late May to mid-October

Boondocks Fun Center: Miniature golf, go karts, laser tag, bumper boats, coaster simulators, kiddie playground, batting cages and a rock climbing wall challenge all to just have fun!

75 Southfork Drive, Draper www.boondocksfuncenter.com (801) 838-9800 Open daily year-round

Cherry Hill: Spend the day entertaining yourself with miniature golf, batting cages and a water park, or camp overnight and spend a weekend!

1325 S. Main, Kaysville www.cherry-hill.com

(801) 451-5379 Open early May to mid-September

Heber Valley Historic Railroad: Catch a steam locomotive that runs from Heber Valley down Provo Canyon. Travel round-trip or park at the station, bike down the canyon and take the train back! And don't miss the Polar Express at Christmas time.

450 South 600 West, Heber City www.hebervalleyrr.org (435) 654-5601 Runs daily year-round

Lagoon Amusement Park: Visit one of the largest amusement parks in the West. From roller coasters to rapids, get ready for the ride of your life! Lagoon boasts over 40 exhilarating rides, top musical entertainment, historic Pioneer Village and Lagoon A Beach waterpark along with shopping, food and games. Lagoon - It's what FUN is!

I-15 Lagoon Drive Exit, Farmington www.lagoonpark.com (800) 748-5246 Open April to October

Laser Quest: This multilevel laser tag maze comes complete with music and fog as you vie for top score by tagging your opponents.

7202 South 900 East, Midvale www.laserquest.com (801) 567-1540 Open year round Mon-Sat

Raging Waters: Cool down this summer in a half-million gallon wave pool, water slides, kiddie pool and tube rides. Or laze around at the Balboa River Expedition, all just minutes from downtown Salt Lake.

1200 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City www.ragingwatersutah.com (801) 972-3300 Open daily late May to early Sept

Seven Peaks Water Park: Take the fast road on a six-story slide tower with eight types of tube runs, speed slides and body slides. Chill out in the lazy river, surf the waves in the wave pool or let the kids play in the kiddy pool.

1330 East 300 North, Provo www.sevenpeaks.com

(801) 373-8777 Open Mon-Sat late May to early Sept

Tubing Hill at Soldier Hollow: Snow tube at the Cross-Country venue where the athletes competed in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games! Two 1,200-foot lanes are serviced by a tow rope lift, nighttime lighting and jammin' tunes. 2002 Olympic Drive, Midway www.soldierhollow.com

(435) 654-2002 Open daily mid December to early April

Wheeler Historic Farm: Throw on your overalls and straw hat for an interactive hands-on experience that will show your kids what it's like to live and work on a farm.

6351 South 900 East, Salt Lake City www.wheelerfarm.com (801) 264-2241 Open dawn till dusk everyday

Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort: Fly down the 1,000-foot zipline at 30 mph, suspended 50 feet above ground, or try Euro-bungy, a climbing wall, a 1,300 foot alpine slide, horseback tours, fly fishing, a fish pond, hiking and ATV tours, mountain bike or scooter rentals, ski school in winter or the aerial tram to the 11,000 foot summit.

Highway 210, Little Cottonwood Canyon www.snowbird.com

(800) 232-9542 Open seasonally for winter and summer



Grant's Gultch Lazy River at Cherry Hill, Kaysville



Six stories of waterslides at Provo's Seven Peaks water park